

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 13 June 1955

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PRESENT:

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1. [REDACTED] reviewed the budget discussions to date and discussed the activity increases that are being requested for FY 1957.

2. The Geographic Area Watch schedule for 15-17 June was reviewed and minor changes were made.

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25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] commented on the recent request from the DD/I for population data on North Korea and the follow-up memorandum just received from the DD/I requesting population data for certain North Korean provinces. GG/F will follow through on this request, and the answer probably will be a G/I with a cover memorandum to the DD/I.

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5. [REDACTED] was designated Assistant CIA Watch Officer for Friday, June 17th, 0830 to 1700.

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25X1A9a 9. The group discussed nominations for attendance at three courses that start 20 June 1955: Effective Writing, Intelligence Writing, and Basic Supervision. No names will be submitted for any of these courses due to pressure of work. [REDACTED] commented that D/GG has discussed with OTR the establishment of a "Rhetoric Review" Course to be given for D/GG in Building 11, one hour per day for ten days. With at least eight students attending, this proposed course should fill a basic need of D/GG.

25X1A9a 10. [REDACTED] commented on the difficulties in recruiting good draftsmen, in connection with the prospective loss of a D/GC draftsman.

25X1A9a 11. The group discussed the issuance of a periodical announcement of positions vacant within the Geographic Area. By next Monday a statement will be prepared for each Division listing vacant positions with a brief job description and a brief statement of minimum qualifications. This will be coordinated by [REDACTED] and issued as a Geographic Area memorandum for circulation to all personnel in the Area.

25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] reported that Graphics Register is going to have showings of two films on cartography in the near future. There will be two showings for D/GC personnel and, if enough other people are interested, more showings will be scheduled. One film deals with "Scribing" and the other is a Canadian film on Army Topographic Mapping. [REDACTED] commented that he is also trying to get the film on offset lithography that has been issued by the Harris Press Company.

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25X1A9a 15. [REDACTED] reported that, in connection with budget statements, he asked [REDACTED] about the handling of reproduction costs. [REDACTED] said that Logistics will take care of reproduction costs except possibly on some new equipment, and in this connection they will contact [REDACTED].

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\*20. [REDACTED] reported that the Director of Training telephoned him this morning concerning our memorandum of 16 May 1955 that requested an OTR slot for Geographic Attache training purposes. [REDACTED] has reviewed the proposal and will recommend to the Director of Personnel that the problem be handled by over-slotting rather than by using an OTR slot.

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\*21. [REDACTED] reported that a representative of AF0IN-2A3 obtained tapes on the four released fighter pilots. These tapes will be available to us, and the escape and evasion discussions promise to be of particular interest to GG/F.

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\*22. [REDACTED] commented on the need for exploitation of NSA on a liaison basis. Liaison arrangements should be established through [REDACTED] so that a number of people periodically visit NSA. Much of the NSA material is not published unless they are aware of someone's specific interest in the subject. [REDACTED] also suggested that a two-week course to be established by [REDACTED] should be useful and that one or two Geographic Area people should attend. [REDACTED] commented that it would also be advisable to have general requirements prepared for the Special Reading Panel.

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